

PERINATAL CARE

This will mean that disparate groups in each community must look critically and objectively at the hospital and local health care system. Facilities best qualified to provide each type of specialized service should be encouraged to continue while those not qualified should be encouraged to cease that particular function. Just as it is ridiculous to expect every hospital to provide for renal dialysis or open heart surgical procedures, it is no longer rational to expect every hospital to provide complete maternity and newborn services, which have in recent times become just as specialized.

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Podophyllum Fluid Extract in the Management of Condylomata

I use fluid extract and vanishing cream . . . You must specify to the pharmacist that you want fluid extract (25 percent) in vanishing cream, because otherwise he will put powdered podophyllum in vanishing cream and it does not have enough strength to come in out of the rain . . . Fluid extract is ten times stronger than the powder so you must make it fluid extract even if it does not make any difference how you are going to put it up—whether you are going to put it in mineral oil, shellac or vanishing cream. It is just handy to put it in vanishing cream because it is easy to use and stays where you put it.

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